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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE
AND ISSUE FEE DATED MARCH 22, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated March 22, 2004, Applicant submits herewith the Part B – Fees Transmittal Form, PTOL-85; Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance, a check in the amount of \$1630.00 in payment of the issue fee; and return receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500675, Order No. 861975-0101.

Respectfully submitted,
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Applicant submits that the invention set forth in each of the claims is patentable for reasons set forth in the specification of the present application as well as for all of the reasons set forth in the remarks submitted during prosecution of this Application.

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